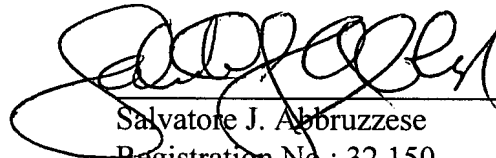


The application is now deemed to be in condition for Examination. Favorable action thereon is respectfully submitted.

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